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LETTER DATED 17 NOVEMBER 1997 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to convey the attached communication, dated 14 November 1997, which I have received from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

I should be grateful if you would bring the Director General's letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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Annex

Letter dated 14 November 1997 from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to bring to your attention that notification was sent to the Iraqi authorities on the evening of 13 November 1997 advising them that, under the prevailing circumstances, it had been decided to withdraw the personnel of the Nuclear Monitoring Group of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) from Iraq until further notice.

The IAEA personnel departed from Iraq's Habbaniya airport at 0800 hours on 14 November 1997. They will remain in Bahrain while steps are taken to attempt to resolve the immediate situation.

I would ask you to bring this letter to the attention of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hans BLIX